

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Previously Presented) A television receiver for use in a home cinema system, the receiver comprising:

a tuner configured to receive and separate broadcast video and audio signals;

a display screen coupled with a display driver arranged to receive and display video signals from the tuner;

one or more speakers coupled with audio signal processing means arranged to receive, process and output two or more audio channel signals from the tuner; and

an input for a further audio signal, said input coupled to a control and switching means operable to (1) connect said input to the audio signal processing means, (2) disconnect the coupling of tuner and audio signal processing means, (3) automatically set the receiver to provide a predetermined volume for the one or more speakers, and (4) enables selective output of the two or more audio channel signals to a plurality of external speakers and the one or more speakers, whilst coupled to said input.

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Cancelled).

4. (Previously Presented) A television receiver as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the control and switching means is operable to connect the audio signal processing means for each channel to said input.

5. (Original) A television receiver as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said control and switching means is coupled to said display driver and is further operable to selectively disable video signal on said display screen.

6. (Original) A television receiver as claimed in Claim 1, further comprising user operable input means, wherein said display driver is configured to generate for display a menu of user selectable items including connection of said audio signal processing means to either the tuner or said input.

7. (Previously presented) A television receiver as claimed in Claim 1 coupled with an audio receiver and, via the audio receiver, to the plurality of speakers, wherein the audio receiver has an output for a centre audio channel connected to said input of the television receiver.

8. (Previously presented) A television receiver as claimed in Claim 7, wherein the audio receiver comprises audio signal processing means connected to receive and process audio signals from the television receiver tuner and output at least some of the processed signals on the centre audio channel.

9. (Previously presented) A television receiver as claimed in Claim 7, further comprising one or more additional audio signal sources connected to the audio receiver.

10. (Previously presented) A television receiver as claimed in Claim 8, further comprising one or more video plus audio signal sources coupled with the television receiver, the television being configured to pass audio signals from such sources to the audio receiver for processing.

11. (Previously presented) The television receiver of claim 1, further including a user operable input means to enable selection of the audio signal processing means of either the tuner or input.

12. (Previously Presented) The television receiver of Claim 1, wherein a volume of each of the one or more speakers and the plurality of external speakers are substantially equal.

13. (New) A television receiver for use in a home cinema system, the receiver comprising:

a tuner configured to receive and separate broadcast video and audio signals;

a display screen coupled with a display driver arranged to receive and display video signals from the tuner;

one or more speakers coupled with audio signal processing means arranged to receive, process and output audio signals from the tuner;

an input for a further audio signal by which said one or more speakers, if receiving said audio signal, operate as a center channel for a plurality of speakers located externally to, and linked communicatively with, said receiver; and

control and switching means operable to switch connection of the audio signal processing means from the tuner to said input, and to fix operating parameters of said audio signal processing means while connection is to said input.

14. (New) The television receiver of claim 13, wherein the audio signal processing means includes volume control, and the control and switching means fixes operating parameters by setting volume control to a predetermined fixed level.

15. (New) The television receiver as claimed in claim 13, wherein the tuner is arranged to output audio signals on two or more channels, the receiver comprising a speaker coupled with a respective audio signal processing means for each such channel.

16. (New) A television receiver as claimed in Claim 13, wherein said control and switching means is coupled to said display driver and is further operable to selectively disable video signal on said display screen.

17. (New) A television receiver as claimed in Claim 13 coupled with an audio receiver and, via the audio receiver, to the plurality of speakers, wherein the audio receiver has an output for a center audio channel connected to said input of the television receiver.

18. (New) A method for operating a television receiver for use in a home cinema system, said comprising the steps of:

using a tuner to receive and separate broadcast video and audio signals;
arranging a display driver to receive and display video signals from the tuner;
coupling a display screen with the display driver;
coupling one or more speakers with audio signal processing means arranged to receive, process and output audio signals from the tuner;
providing a plurality of speakers external to said receiver and linking said plurality of speakers communicatively to said receiver;
providing an input for a further audio signal by which said one or more speakers, if receiving said audio signal, operate as a center channel for said plurality of speakers;
and
operating control and switching means to switch connection of the audio signal processing means from the tuner to said input, and to fix operating parameters of said audio signal processing means while connection is to said input.

19. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein the audio signal processing means includes volume control, and the control and switching means fixes operating parameters by setting volume control to a predetermined fixed level.

20. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein the tuner is arranged to output audio signals on two or more channels, the receiver comprising a speaker coupled with a respective audio signal processing means for each such channel.